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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of education/training imparted to women in the rural areas regarding utilization of modern techniques of agriculture;

(b) the agencies through which this training is imparted; and

(c) the response to this scheme in Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): Special Scheme/Projects/Sub-programmes for training rural women in the modern techniques ofagriculture are in operation with the assistance from Central Government, Bilateral Support and UNDPassistance in 21 States of the country. These Schemes are as follows:

(i) Central Sector Scheme of `Women in Agriculture`` in the States of Himachal Pradesh,Punjab, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Kerala, Sikkim, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh.

(ii) Danish and Dutch assisted projects on `Training & Extension of Women in Agriculture` inKarnataka, Tamil Nadu, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, respectively.

(iii) UNDP funded Sub-programmes on `Empowerment of Women Farmers` in Uttar Pradesh, Orissa and Andhra Pradrsh.

(b): The training to women farmers is imparted through the Agricultural Scientists & Trainers ofFarmers Training Centres, State Agricultural Universities, District Team of Specialists in Agriculture andLine Departments of State Governments and Resource Persons from Central/ICAR Institutes.

(c): The Review-cum-Appraisal Missions which were commissioned to evaluate these Projects havereported that the projects have resulted in a number of positive impacts such as:

- clear and substantial empowerment of women farmers of small and marginal land holdings.

- increase in the household income in cash or kind by the adoption of low cost agricultural technologies.

- Gender sensitization of the general extension system.

- Strengthening of training infrastructure for women farmers.

- Increased induction of women extension workers in the extension system.